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SUBJ: USYG URQUHART SEEKS USG SUPPORT IN UNFICYP WRQNGLE
WITH TURK/CYPRIOTS

REF: NICOSIA 2772, 2771

1. URQHUART IN CONVERSTATION ON SPETEMBER 14 WITH ASSISTANT
SECRETARY LEWIS, JERRY HELMAN, IO/UNP, AND MISOFF EXPRESSED
HIS DEPENING CONCERN OVER UNFICYP CONFORNTATION WITH
TURK/CYPRIOTS AT DMZ NEAR AVLONA AND SUBSEQUENT ABSENCE
OF PROGRESS IN RECONCILING TURK/CYPRIOT POSITION WITH THE
CEASEFIRE PROVISIONS AND DENKTASH'S EARLIER COMMITMENT.
HE DESCRIBED SITUATION ON THE BORDER AT AVLONA AS HIGHLY
VOIATILE WITH STRONG POSSIBLITY OF FURTHER INCIDENTS
MATERIALIZING OF GRAVER DIMENSIONS. URQUHART SAID THE
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MACHINE GUN BURST OF 50 ROUNDS BY TURKISH SIDE ON

SEPTEMBER 10 COULD BE READILY REPEATED IN THE CONTINUING
CONFRONTATION SITUATION WITH DIRE CONSEQUENCES.

2. URQUHART SAID HE HAS MET TWICE WITH THE TURKISH PERMREP
TURKMEN IN THE LAST FEW DAYS AND TURKS WERE TAKING RIGID
POSITION, TURKMEN DELIVERED LONG PROTEST CONCERNING
UNFICYP SOLDIERS STRIKING TURK/CYPRIOT CIVILIAN IN
THE HEAD WITH FARM IMPLEMENT. TURKS ARE ASSERTING
"SECURITY" CONSIDERATIONS AS DICTATING PRESENCE TURK/
CYPRIOT FARMERS IN CONFRONTATIONS AREAS. URQUHART
CONCLUDED BY ASKING THAT US DO WHATEVER IT COULD IN
ANKARA TO PERSUADE TURKS TO AVOID DANGEROUS INCIDENTS.
LEWIS SAID WE APPRECIATED GRAVITY OF THE SITUATION AND
IMPORTANCE OF TAKING PREVENTIVE STEPS TO AVOID
REPETITION OF INCIDENT.
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